

Farmers' Market Committee
Minutes
Meeting January 8, 2010

Present: Carol Keaster (Cascade), Connie Undem and Brenda Mischel (Dawson), Barb Skoyen (Fort Belknap), Mary Pittaway (Missoula), Julia Coyne (Silver Bow),; and Joan Bowsher, Chris Fogelman, Trish Kurek, Carrie Reynolds and Linda Stallings (State Office)

Topic/Points	Notes
Welcome	
Minutes of December Meeting	Approved
Explanation of State's Plan	Joan reviewed the highlights of Montana's proposal : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmer can be at a farmers' market or roadside stand (including direct sales from farmer to participant); can have multiple locations under same contract • Contract with farmer will allow them to accept both benefits; multi-year; single stamp per farmer • Uniform approved food list for both programs • Local programs would decide if they want to authorize farmers in their area • benefits will be similar in appearance, but different color • Each farmer will have her/his own stamp • WIC FMNP benefits will change to \$18 per season in an amount of \$6 per benefit
Brenda asked if can accept cash	Joan said no cash may be exchanged
Who monitor farmers with multiple locations	They will be monitored. We do not want one local program having to monitor more farmers just because they all are at their location. A method of selection and assignment will be determined. The form from WIC FMNP would be used for monitoring in Farm Direct
What about how SNAP does EBT	Joan said we are about three years from EBT. There is also a concern with the tokens being considered rain checks.
What will be used to train farmers; will there be a DVD	A handbook and other materials will be created for use by the LARC or other staff who perform the training. A DVD for the farmers to train their staff will be produced, but this may come later after this initial year.

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EBT – electronic benefit transfer, looks like a credit card, the benefits are loaded onto the card and can be removed at certain types of terminals as purchases are made.